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Second Quarter Report 2023

Foreword

About a year and 6 months ago, the leaders of nine Quaker organizations and three non-Quakers set up the "Consortium", which brings together 12 organizations from the DR. Congo and Burundi with the mission of contributing to the reconstruction of the hearts and broken lives of the victims of armed conflict in the Great Lakes region of Africa by giving them the hope of becoming themselves, capable of working to take care of themselves away from armed conflict and violence.

Context

The persistence of humanitarian crises in the African Great Lakes Region has a negative impact on the lives of local populations. Millions of vulnerable children do not have support. There is persistent insecurity. There is an increase in cases of sexual violence against women and girls, population displacements which cause the persistence of food insecurity and poverty. Access to health care also remains a challenge, hence the need for humanitarian interventions in this region.

Presentation of the Consortium

The Consortium of the African Great Lakes Region is the union of 12 organizations (Congolese and Burundian) who work in solidarity to support the education of orphaned children, peace, refugees and the improvement of the socio-economic conditions of women and survivors of sexual violence.

Our goal is to provide support to the vulnerable (orphans, refugees, widows, women survivors of sexual violence, etc.), relieve victims of trauma through counseling and psychotherapy, make health care accessible, conflict resolution, promotion of peace and conflict reconciliation, advocating education for all regardless of social rank.

Our vision is to live in a peaceful and prosperous Africa

Our programs

Education	Food Security
Peace and Conflict Resolution	Emergency Management
Trauma Healing	Health and Nutrition
Support for the Administration and activities of the Member Organizations of the consortium	

Jobs done

During this second quarter, the consortium supported its teams in the field in its programs below.

Support for the Administration and activities of the Member Organizations of the consortium

The consortium supported the administrative activities of the member organizations to improve their internet connection and their activities in accordance with the Terms of Reference (ToR) of each organization.

Education:



We have completed the education pilot project which started in June 2022 which supported 120 orphaned and vulnerable children in DR Congo and Burundi. It should be noted that these children benefited from school tools and school fees for the entire 2022-2023 school year.

The summary of school results of the education project:

	Number	Percentage %
Honors	11	9.2
Satisfaction	89	74.2
Failed	12	10.0
Waiting for results	8	6.7
Total	120	100

It should be noted that after evaluating this project, we noted the relative challenges, in particular: insufficient school tools (uniform, notebooks, book, pen, shoes, briefcases), insufficient number of beneficiaries compared to the number of waiting. Challenges related to the lack of adaptation in the school environment: lack of tutors, malnutrition and disease. Finally, we will start the second year of this project in August 2023 and we ask for the support of each of us to meet these challenges.

Trauma Management

We carried out the Sensitization on Gender Based Violence (GBV) in the village of Sebele / Fizi / DRC. 18 people participated in this activity.

We supervised the funds granted to women displaced by war in Baraka/DRC to improve their socio-economic conditions and supervised 10 girl mothers who were learning sewing in Bukavu/DRC.

We organized a workshop on trauma healing for 20 women and girl survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Randa , Bubanza commune, Bubanza province /Burundi.

We carried out a capacity building workshop on the protection of traumatized children in Lubumbashi/DRC. 30 people benefited from this training.

Peace and Conflict Resolution

We conducted a training workshop for young leaders from different communities on civic education and good local governance in Uvira / DRC. 15 Young Leaders benefited from this training.

We organized a training workshop on active non-violence. 20 people benefited from the training in Bukavu/DRC.

We conducted an awareness workshop in Bibokoboko / Fizi / South Kivu for two rival communities (Babembe and Banyamulenge) on the role of music for peace. At the end of this workshop, the two parties decided to encourage their children to participate in music competitions for peace. 18 people benefited from this training.

Food Safety

We proceeded to harvest maize, beans and groundnuts of the agricultural seed multiplication field in the plain of Ruzizi / Uvira / DRC and distributed the seeds to the beneficiaries of this project. 15 FO (Farmers' organization) groups of local farmers have benefited from seeds for the activities of the next season.

We raised chicks and marketed hens in the village of mwaro /Burundi

Health and Nutrition

Raising awareness on passive screening for malnutrition and prenatal consultation in the high plateau of Bateke /DR. 27 people participated in this activity.

We carried out care of patients surviving with HIV/AIDS in Burundi.

We carried out a workshop on sensitizing young girls and boys on sexually transmitted infections in Uvira / DRC. 28 people participated in this activity. We raised awareness on the consumption of drinking water to prevent waterborne diseases in the province of Bubanza /Burundi.

Archival Impact of Consortium Member Organizations

Member organizations	Intervention program	Activities	Place of intervention
CAAPD FOUNDATION	- Education -peace and conflict resolution	- Support for the education of 12 vulnerable children. - Training workshop on active non-violence. 20 people benefited from the training in Bukavu/DRC.	Bukavu/DRC
Friend Women's Association of Burundi	-Education - Trauma Healing	- Support for the education of 12 vulnerable children, - Workshop on trauma healing for 20 women and girls survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) in Randa , Bubanza commune, Bubanza province /Burundi.	Kamenge /Burundi
The Peace Organization for Development Opportunities "OPOD asbl ",	- Education - Peace and conflict resolution	-Support for the education of 11 vulnerable children, - Training workshop for young leaders on civic education and good local governance in Uvira / DRC	Uvira /DRC
Women'Future Life	- Education - Food Safety	- Support for the education of 11 vulnerable children, - Harvest corn, beans and peanuts of the agricultural seed multiplication field in the plain of Ruzizi / Uvira / DRC and distribute the seeds to the beneficiaries of this project. 15 FO groups of local farmers have benefited from seeds for the activities of the next season.	Uvira /DRC
Amma4africa foundation	- Education - Trauma healing	-Support for the education of 12 vulnerable children , - Sensitization on Gender Based Violence (GBV) in the village of Sebele/FIZI/DRC. 18 people participated in this	FIZI/DRC

		activity.	
Society of Friends in Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Peace and conflict resolution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support for the education of 10 vulnerable children, - Awareness workshop in Bibokoboko / Fizi / Sud-Kivu for two rival communities (Babembe and Banyamulenge) on the role of music for peace. 	Baraka/DRC
Voice Of Hop(VOH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Health and Nutrition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the education of 10 vulnerable children, - Raising awareness on the consumption of drinking water to prevent waterborne diseases. 	Bubanza /Burundi
Dynamics of women for change and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Food Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the education of 12 vulnerable children, - Supervision of fundraising activities to support income-generating activities for 11 women displaced by war. 	Baraka/DRC
Fellowship of Evengelical Churches of Friends in the Congo/Quarterly Council of Bukavu. CEEACO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education -Trauma Healing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Support for the education of 10 vulnerable children, - Supervision of the learning activities of 10 girl-mothers on tailoring and their social integration. <p>4 cutting and sewing machines were purchased during this quarter for better practice.</p>	Bukavu/DRC
Training Center for Traumatized and Disabled Children “ cfetd / asbl ”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education - Trauma healing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the education of 10 vulnerable children. - a capacity building workshop on the protection of traumatized children in Lubumbashi/DRC. 30 people benefited from this training. 	Lubumbashi/DRC
African Progressive Youth Association	Food Safety	Raising chicks and marketing hens in the village of Mwaro.	Mwaro/Burundi
Youth Action for the Environment and Development (AJED)	Health and nutrition Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the education of 12 vulnerable children. - Raising awareness on passive screening for malnutrition and prenatal consultation in the high plateau of Bateke /DRC. 27 people participated in this activity. 	High plateau of bateke / Ground floor

Quarterly meeting		Evaluation of activities	On line
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Training programs:

We carried out the restitution of training on trauma management in Baraka, Bukavu and Lubumbashi / DRC. 46 people benefited from this training through our teams in the field.

1. Security situation in the Great African Lake region :

Some cases of resumption of combat between the M23 and the self-defense forces (the Wazalendo) have been reported in North Kivu.

In South Kivu, more than five fires during these three months. More than 1200 houses burnt down, more than 5000 people are victims of fire including children.

Over 600 dead, 5000 missing, and many life-threatened survivors in Kalehe flood.

<https://labeur.info/feu-a-camp-zaire-plus-de-4-000.../>; <https://www.kivuavenir.com/bukavu-kadutu-plusde-1000.../>.

The victims of this gigantic fire did not receive any support from us, unfortunately, or from the government.

<https://laprunellerdc.cd/bukavu-feu-a-camp-zaire-le-senateur-matata-ponyo-au-chevet-dessinistres/>.

The inter-ethnic conflict persists in the high plateau of Minebwe between bishambuke and banyamurenge in South Kivu in the DRC. In North Kivu, the M23 rebels illegally occupy certain spaces and continue to carry out offensives against the Congolese army.

Challenges

- Insufficient funds to support all the activities of the twelve NGO members of the consortium,
- Difficulty supporting vulnerable children who are on the waiting list,
- Insufficient funds for our personal capacity.

Future perspective

- Increase the number of vulnerable children in the education project
- Supervision of children who have difficulty adapting to the school level
- Strengthen school tools for the education of vulnerable children.
- Improve support for the twelve NGO members of the consortium

Finance

Education Project			
Support for NGO activities			
Total for the quarter			
Source of funds	Friend Partner Peace Team/AGLI Donations		
Quarterly expenses in USD			
Stakeholder Organizations	Intervention programs	Amount used	Total
Friend Women's Association of Burundi	-Education	450	820
	-Trauma Healing	250	
	- Internet	120	
CAAPD foundation	-Education	450	820

	- Food Safety Internet	250 120	
The Peace Organization for Development Opportunities "OPOD asbl ",	- Education - Peace and conflict reconciliation - Internet	420 250 120	790
Women'Future Life	- Education - Food Safety - Internet	390 250 120	760
Amma4africa foundation	- Education - Trauma healing - Internet	450 250 120	820
Religious Society of Friends in Congo	- Education - Peace and conflict resolution - Internet	420 250 120	790
Voice Of Hop(VOH)	- Education - Health and nutrition - Internet	390 250 120	760
Dynamics of women for change and development	- Education - Food Safety - Internet	450 250 120	820
Fellowship of Evengelical Churches of Friends in the Congo/Quarterly Council of Bukavu. CEEACO	- Education - Food Safety - Internet	390 250 120	760
Training Center for Traumatized and Disabled Children “ cfetd / asbl ”	- Education - Food Safety - Internet	390 250 120	760
African Progressive Youth Association	- Food Safety	500	620

	- Internet	120	
Youth Action for Environment and Development (AJED) ASBL	- Education - Health and nutrition - Internet	390 250 120	760
Consortium	Training	0.00	0.00
Coordination and accounting service	- Internet, communication and supervision	510	510
Subtotal			9790
Administration and logistics	Administrative expenses Travels	687 250	687 250
Grand Total Expenditure			10727

Recommendations

- Help us to fundraise to support the education of orphaned children and support the activities of all twelve NGO members of the consortium,
- Share this report with international organizations sharing the same values and likely to partner with the Consortium, but also with potential donors likely to be attracted by our activities and to support us.
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Anyone who shows an interest in supporting us, making a donation or financing one of our projects can contact us at the following addresses :

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PICTURES



Training workshop for young leaders from different communities on civic education and good local governance in Uvira/DRC



Training workshop on active non-violence in Bukavu



An awareness-raising workshop for two rival communities (Babembe and Banyamulenge) on the role of music for peace in Bibokoboko / Fizi / South Kivu



Workshop on trauma healing for 20 women and girl survivors of Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Randa , Bubanza commune, Bubanza province /Burundi.



Training in cutting and sewing as part of the socio-economic reintegration of traumatized mothers in Bukavu/DRC



Capacity building workshop on the protection of traumatized children in Lubumbashi/DRC



Awareness workshop for young girls and boys on sexually transmitted infections in Uvira / DRC



Harvest corn, beans and groundnuts in the field p multiplication of agricultural seeds in the plain of Ruzizi/ Uvira /DRC